

# News from SALEM COUNTY

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### MUSIC AROUND THE COUNTY PRESENTS "DOUBLE TAKE" Free Concert features Salem County Brass Society & Joanne Owen

(SALEM, NJ)—Freeholder Beth Timberman, Liaison to the Salem County Cultural & Heritage Commission, today announced that the next "Music Around the County" concert will take place Sunday, March 21, 2010, 3 pm beginning at Broadway United Methodist Church, Salem, and continuing at First Baptist Church of Salem. The free concert features a varied program of brass and pipe organ ensemble music, including two world premieres.

"The Salem County Brass Society and Joanne Owen have prepared an exciting afternoon of music," said Timberman "a rare opportunity to hear brass and organ repertoire."

The program is a "Double Take" in several respects. Not only does it combine two kinds of instrumentation, it also features pipe organs in two beautiful, historic settings across the street from each other – a truly unusual afternoon of music.

"Music Around the County offers residents and visitors unique musical experiences," added Timberman. "Our first concert last October, 'Tunes from the Crypt,' featuring Joanne Own performing 'scary' organ music for Halloween, was a great success and we know 'Double Take' will be equally exciting and entertaining."

March 21<sup>st</sup> marks the 325<sup>th</sup> birthday of the great composer and organist, Johan Sebastian Bach, and the program includes his famous Fugue in G Minor. One of Bach's most familiar pieces, the Fugue has been featured in film scores and even video game themes. Also featured are works by such great composers as Handel, Saint-Saens, Monteverdi and Purcell.

"The afternoon also includes world premiere performances of new works by John Kraybill," said Timberman. "a very special program highlight."

Kraybill is a member of the Salem County Brass Society has written two new pieces for the concert, "The Salem Polka" and "A Surrealistic Journey."



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Joanne Owen and the Salem County Brass Society are prominent and well-known performers throughout the region. Formerly Minister of Music and Arts at St. John's Episcopal Church, Salem, Owen, has held positions as church musician in Chicago, Wilmington and Woodstown and is a frequent organist, accompanist and recitalist around the Delaware Valley. Her recent performance in "Tunes from the Crypt" attracted a large and enthusiastic audience. The Salem County Brass Society was founded in 1974 and is dedicated to bringing quality brass music to the citizens of Salem County and South Jersey. Their annual holiday and spring concerts are highly regarded features of the local musical scene.

"Music Around County" is a project of the Salem County Cultural & Heritage Commission and the Salem County Arts Alliance. The concert is open to the public and there is no admission charge. Information is available at <a href="https://www.visitsalemcountynj.com">www.visitsalemcountynj.com</a> or 1-877-658-6871.